



# CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety, and security of Virginians is important to the prosperity and welfare of the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics stand ready to provide compassionate, lifesaving care 24 hours per day, seven days per week, to dramatically improve the survival and recovery rate of those in sudden need of care; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical responders are supported by emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, educators, administrators, researchers, emergency nurses, emergency physicians and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of our great Commonwealth are thankful for the work of more than 34,000 Emergency Medical Services providers and over 640 agencies, who provide for the well-being and safety of our Commonwealth's families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme "Called to Care" represents that indispensable role that first responders, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics play in our health and safety;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize May 15-21, 2016, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Terence R. McAuliffe".

Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Thomas".

Secretary of the Commonwealth